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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2053

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 7883

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

1. THE AMBASSADOR TOOK UP THE HARCOS/FLETCHER QUESTION WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH ON JUNE 12. HE RAISED THE ISSUES OF OUR ACCESS TO THE PRISONERS, THEIR MEDICAL CARE, AND THE NEED TO GET ON WITH A SPEEDY TRIAL. KEWAL SINGH WAS WHOLLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION AND IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONED THE HOME SECRETARY ON THE SUBJECT AND PROMISED TO BE BACK TO THE AMBASSADOR SHORTLY.

2. TEJA CALLED IN SCHEIDER ON JUNE 13 TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORT.

MEDICAL ATTENTION: THE GOI HAS SENT INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE PRISONERS ARE TO BE GIVEN MEDICAL ATTENTION AND IT DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY FURTHER DIFFICULTY IN THIS REGARD.

CONSULAR ACCESS: THE GOI HAS ASKED THE WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER THE QUESTION OF CONSULAR ACCESS. THE US CONSULATE GENERAL SHOULD AGAIN ASK THE COURT TO GRANT ACCESS AND THIS TIME THE REQUEST WILL BE GRANTED. NEW DELHI HAS BEEN IN DIRECT TOUCH WITH THE HOME SECRETARY OF THE WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT ON THIS.

BAIL: THIS "CAN BE CONSIDERED" PROVIDED THE COURT IS SATISFIED THAT HARCOS AND FLETCHER WILL BE PRODUCED BEFORE IT FOR TRIAL. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE US WOULD HAVE TO GUARANTEE THAT THE ACCUSED WOULD NOT LEAVE INDIA.

SPEEDY TRIAL: THE GOVERNMENT WILL TRY TO SPEED THE TRIAL WHICH
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IS ABOUT TO BEGIN BEFORE THE SESSIONS COURT.

CONSULAR OBSERVER AT TRIAL: THIS IS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION.
THE COURT NORMALLY DECIDES AT WHAT POINT IN AN IN CAMERA TRIAL
AN OBSERVER WOULD BE ADMITTED.

3. COMMENT: CONSULATE GENERAL CALCUTTA SHOULD ONCE AGAIN SEEK
CONSULAR ACCESS FROM THE COURT AND REPORT PROMPTLY TO THE EMBASSY.
WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF BAIL AS WE DON'T SEE
HOW WE COULD GUARANTEE THAT HARCOS AND FLETCHER WOULD REMAIN
IN INDIA. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENT THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE
ON THIS DRAWING ON EXPERIENCE IN OTHER CASES. MOYNIHAN

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